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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add new claims 15-38 as follows:

15. An adhesive tape comprising:

a non-woven fibrous support comprising felt and/or needlebonded fabric;  
 the support having a thickness 0.3 to 1 mm and a surface mass of fibers of 70 to 120

g/m<sup>2</sup>;

a layer of adhesive covering one face of the support;  
 the fibers being immersed 10  $\mu$ m to 0.5 mm in the adhesive; and  
 the tape being rolled up with direct contact between the adhesive and the support.

16. The tape of claim 15, wherein the thickness of the support is 0.4 to 0.7 mm.